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***STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW***

Applicant's attorney wishes to thank the examiner for granting the interview on January 22, 2010 to discuss the proposed amendments. To provide a complete written statement as to the substance of the telephone interview pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.133 and MPEP §713.04, the reasons presented during the interview why the claims are patentably distinguishable over the cited documents and warrant favorable action are that Bunch (US Patent 6,795,856) and Coley et al. ( US Patent Pub. 2001/0011253) fail to teach or suggest the features of independent claim 21 as follows:

“comparing, by the metering handler, an amount of any stored meter event requests stored in a cache memory with the at least one parameter;  
storing, by the metering handler, the meter event request in the cache memory or sending the meter event request and all metering event requests in the cache memory to a

metering service in order to process the meter event requests based on the evaluation and the comparison;”

No exhibits were shown or demonstrations conducted. Claims 1-40 were discussed. The prior art discussed was Bunch (US Patent 6,795,856) and Coley et al. ( US Patent Pub. 2001/0011253). The general outcome of the interview was that no agreement was reached with respect to the claims.

Conclusion

If the Examiner has any questions concerning any of the above, please contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

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